United States Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Virginia <u>Alexandria Division</u>

In re:

Blue Ridge Arsenal, Inc., Case No. 18-10472-KHK

Debtor. Chapter 11

Hearing: January 15, 2019, 11:00 am Courtroom III, 3rd Floor

Motion to Dismiss or Convert Case to Chapter 7

Comes Now, John P. Fitzgerald, III, Acting United States Trustee for Region 4, and moves the Court to dismiss or convert this case to Chapter 7 pursuant to Section 1112(b)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Cause exists to grant the requested relief:

- unreasonable delay in filing disclosure statement and plan of reorganization,
 11 U.S.C. Section 1112(b)(4);
- substantial or continuing loss to or diminution of the estate and the absence of a reasonable likelihood of rehabilitation.

Jurisdiction

- 1. This Court has authority to hear and decide this matter. 28 U.S.C. § 1334.
- 2. This is a core proceeding. 28 U.S.C. §157.

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Statement of Facts

- 1. On February 9, 2018, the Debtor filed a petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. The Debtor has not filed a disclosure statement and plan of reorganization.
- 3. No plan of reorganization has been confirmed.
- 4. According to the Debtor's monthly operating reports filed from February to October, 2018, had:

Revenue: \$964,977

Cost of Goods Sold: \$195,259

Gross Profit: \$769,718

Operating Expenses: \$775,594

Net Loss \$ (5,876)

Argument

The Court, for cause, after notice and hearing, may dismiss or convert a case to a case under Chapter 7 whichever is in the best interests of creditors and the estate.

11 U.S.C. Section 1112(b)(1).

The Acting United States Trustee recognizes that finding an unreasonable delay in filing a disclosure statement and plan is dependent on the unique circumstances of the particular case. *Quarles v. U.S. Tr.*, 194 B.R. 94, 97 (W.D. Va. 1996)

As stated in *In re Sunflower Racing, Inc.* 226 B.R. 665, 670 (D. Kan. 1998) "The bankruptcy court's decision of what constitutes "unreasonable delay" and "prejudice" is clearly discretionary and very fact intensive. Bankruptcy courts are given a great deal of discretion to say when enough is enough." (citations omitted, quotation marks omitted).

This is not a large or complicated case.

The Debtor has had the protection of the bankruptcy laws for ten months. A disclosure statement and plan of reorganization should have been filed by now. Cases should not remain on the docket like beached whales.

As another cause, the Debtor has incurred a year to date loss.

There is no bright-line test to determine whether conversion or dismissal is in the best interests of the creditors and the estate. *In re Babayoff*, 445 B.R. 64, 81 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 2011).

There are no unusual circumstances establishing that converting or dismissing this case is not in the best interests of the estate and creditors.

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on the 27th day of November, 2018, I mailed, United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, a true copy of this motion and notice of motion and hearing to:

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